



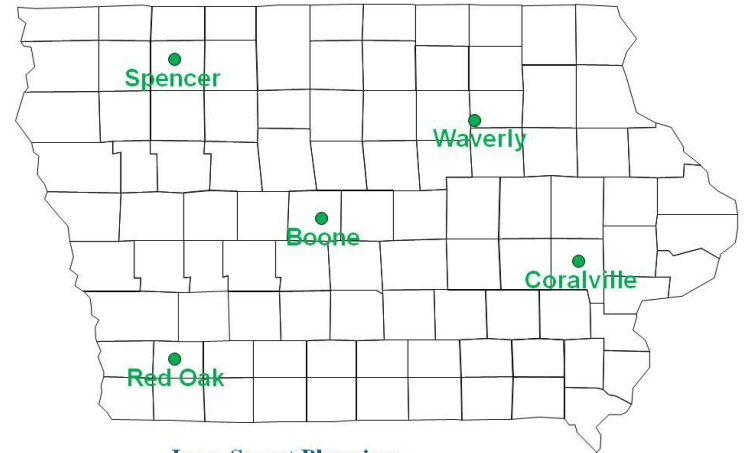
Public Comment Overview

October 20, 2010



Public Input Process

- Workgroups included Task Force members and other interested persons
- Public Input Meetings (206 participants)
 - Spencer – Sept. 28
 - Red Oak – Sept. 29
 - Waverly - Sept. 30
 - Coralville – Oct. 5
 - Webinar – Oct. 6
 - Boone – Oct. 7
- Survey (58 respondents*)
- Letter & Email Submission (6 letters* and 20 emails*)



Iowa Smart Planning:
Public Input Meeting Locations

Opportunities were publicized via press releases from RIO (and follow-up calls to media) and outreach by Task Force members and interested organizations (APA, ISAC, League of Cities, IARC, and other organizations' newsletters, emails, and website notices).

*As of October 10, 2010



Comments: Areas of Agreement

- 1) Smart Planning concepts generally supported, with tangible benefits to communities and the state
- 2) Smart Planning framework should remain flexible and locally-driven
- 3) Watershed planning is a critical component
- 4) Education is essential
- 5) Inclusiveness of stakeholders is necessary
- 6) Costs should be shared across all levels of government
- 7) Streamlined access to GIS data is needed



Comments: Questions & Concerns

1) Planning & GIS Office Structure

- 1) Independent planning office versus incorporated within an existing agency
- 2) Need to reconcile governance issues with two boards
- 3) Board membership may be too large

2) Regional Planning

- 1) Concern regarding capacity of COGs to undertake regional planning
- 2) Planning Advisory Committees – need greater clarification of role; committee membership concerns
- 3) Regional planning concerns with border states
- 4) Options for regional planning administration in Central Iowa

3) Funding

- 1) Greater support for “additional consideration” versus threshold requirement for competitive state grants
- 2) Adequate funding is necessary for success
- 3) Prefer no new taxes, fees, or additional government layers
- 4) Are incentives a de facto mandate?
- 5) Would like to see quantified costs and benefits

4) GIS

- 1) Need to address funding and security issues pertaining to GIS data